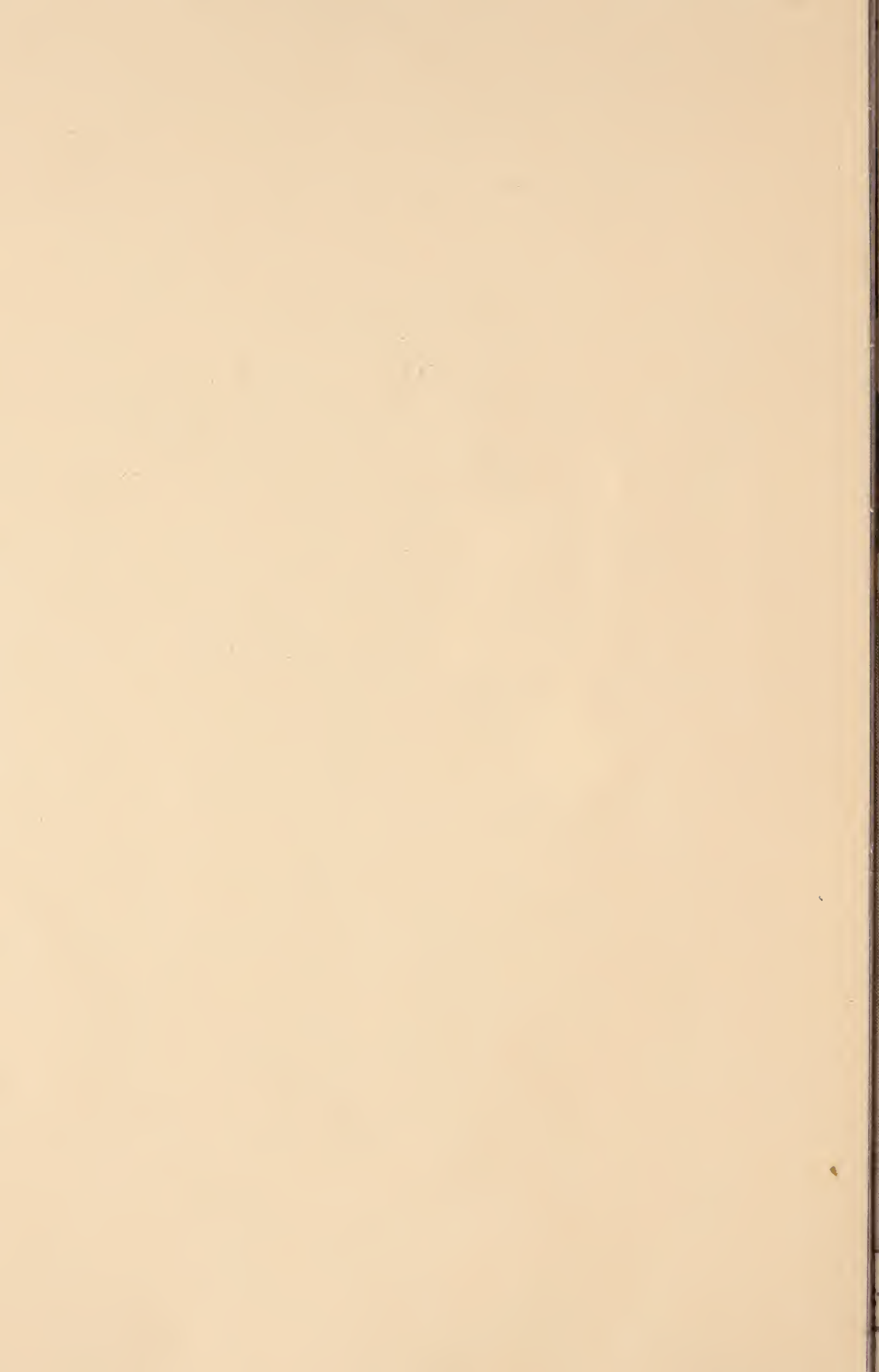


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Send me \$1.00 Or more for seeds this month, February, and I will send in addition, to your order, two roots of King Humbert Cannas, and one root of the new Richard Wallace, the finest of the golden-flowered Cannas. These three roots, alone, are worth 40 cents, but to encourage early orders I will mail them as a premium for an order of a dollar or more sent this month for seeds, etc., selected from my list in last month's Magazine or from my Floral Guide, which will be sent you free on request, if you do not have a copy at hand.

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A WINTER DAY.

A winter's rain is falling, falling;
Throughout the dreary day
I hear its "drip, drip," from the eaves.
Low, chilling winds are calling, calling,
To birdland for a lay,
To banish gloom and hush the torrent leaves.
Jefferson Co., Ky., Dec. 27, 1911. Addie Redding.

THE NEW MONSTROUS DAISY.

WITHIN A FEW years great improvements have been made in the size and fullness of the old-fashioned English Daisy. Many of us recall the small

single and semi-double flowers we gathered in our Grandmother's garden, flowers that were handsome even in that state. But today we have the flowers as double as a Victoria Aster, and almost as large, good specimens measuring more than three inches in diameter. The strain is known as *Bellis perennis monstrosa plenissima*, and the size and beauty of the flowers is such that this Daisy deserves the big name it bears.

Among the flowers grown from seeds the English Daisy is one of the most satisfactory and enjoyable. Almost every seed will readily germinate, and the little plants quickly develop

into blooming ones, stooling out into clumps, and showing a mass of flowers. There is no hardy garden plant that blooms so continuously, unless it is the Pansy. The plants begin to bloom with the Easter flowers, and, with the exception of one or two of the hottest months, the display is kept up until after severe frosts. In the Parks of New York these Daisies are planted with Pansies for beds of bloom in spring and early summer, and they never fail to attract the attention and admiration of those who pass. The colors are white and rose, and the texture of the flowers is delicate and pleasing.

The dense rosette of foliage forms a fine groundwork for the handsome double flowers.

The illustration fairly shows a good double flower as sketched from nature in a flower garden in Germany. Like the Pansies, these Daisies grow to perfection in that cool, moist climate, and the improvements in the flower have been chiefly effected by German



BELLIS PERENNIS MONSTROSA PLENISSIMA—NEW MONSTROUS DAISY.

florists. The plants are grand for beds, borders and edgings out-doors, and for pots in a cool room. They will doubtless attain popularity as soon as their ease of culture from seeds and their merits are better known.

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LAVATERA TRIMESTRIS.

AN OHIO SISTER encloses seeds and a flower, and asks for its true name. The plants she raised from seeds sent her by a friend, under the name of Mexican Primrose, but she finds the flowers larger than that flower, and different in form and color. Her plants bloom from early spring until September fifteenth, or later.

The seeds and description indicate that the flower is *Lavatera trimestris*, an annual easily grown from seeds, attaining the height of two feet, and blooming throughout the summer and autumn.



LAVATERA TRIMESTRIS.

It is a near relative of the Hollyhock, and the flowers are not unlike those of the Hollyhock, but smaller. There are two colors, pink and white. In a rather dry, sunny situation the plants bloom very profusely, and make a beautiful group or hedge. I have sketched the flowers and seeds received. Some of the seeds were slightly mutilated, hence the peculiar faces of some of them.

Clematis Jackmanii.—This beautiful, showy vine is not always successfully grown. Even a plant apparently thrifty will suddenly wither and die. It is not tenacious as are many of the Clematis family. Perhaps the best situation for it is on the north or east side of a house, where it will be slightly protected from the hot sunshine, and yet in a situation with open exposure. A little lime stirred into the surface soil will be found of benefit. An application of pulverized sheep manure will induce a liberal growth of the vines. As a rule, all Clematises enjoy a moist, deep rich soil with ample drainage. In the spring it is well to cut back a portion of the vine, so as to throw the strength into the stronger eyes and promote a vigorous growth before the buds develop.

IRIS, PSEUDO-ACORUS.

THIS IS a vigorous branching Iris which thrives by the water's edge or in boggy places. It will grow three or four feet high, bearing large, handsome, rich yellow flowers opening at intervals of several weeks. It blooms later than *Iris Germanica*. Its leaves are long and rather narrow, much resembling that of Sweet Calamus or Acorus, and hence, the name, pseudo-acorus, the prefix "pseudo" meaning false or spurious. It is frequently planted in places likely to be washed away in time of high floods in order to hold the soil, as it has numerous strong roots. The plants are easily grown from seeds, blooming the second year. It is also propagated by division. The little engraving represents a cluster of bloom.



PSEUDO-ACORUS IRIS.

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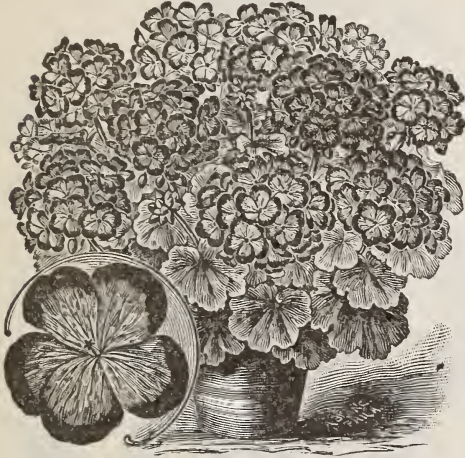
This Iris will thrive in wet or spongy places where only bog plants can be grown. The flowers are large, pure yellow and orange, and very showy. Muskrats are fond of the roots, and will sometimes destroy the plants during winter, where the rodents appear.

Black Flies.—The little black flies that are found hovering about plants are, usually, an indication that the soil is water-logged and sour. Allow the soil to dry out until the plants begin to wither, then water them with lime water slightly hotter than the hand can bear. This will sweeten the soil and destroy the larvæ of the insect. The lime water should be made with quicklime, and should be applied until it runs freely out of the drainage hole at the bottom. If the drainage is clogged, it is a good plan to take the plant out, remove the sour soil, and repot in fresh, rich soil, with good drainage.

Roses in Texas.—John Hopper and Alfred Colomb are both beautiful Hybrid Perpetual Roses, and should do well in Texas, under proper conditions. They should have a sunny situation and rather tenacious soil. A dressing of quicklime stirred into the surface soil will be found of benefit. Usually these Roses bloom freely, and the flowers are double and very handsome.

GERANIUMS FROM SEEDS.

GERANIUM PLANTS are easily grown from seeds, which germinate in from three to eight weeks, not all of the seeds coming up at the same time. The plants are healthy and grow vigorously. If grown in pots, they will usually bloom in from six to eight months, especially if not shifted frequently. The oftener you shift the plants, the stronger will be the growth and more



GERANIUM PLANT IN BLOOM.

tardy the bloom. Plants that do not bloom the first season, can be wintered and set out the following summer in a well-drained, sunny bed in the garden, where they will make a fine display. Seeds may be obtained from seedsmen at from 5 to 10 cents per packet.

Amomum Cardamomum.—This is an easily grown, fragrant-leaved plant, in appearance not unlike the green-leaved Canna. The plant sprouts at the roots, and if given room enough, a single plant will soon become a large clump. It is grown only for its foliage and fragrance. The chief condition for its culture is a rather tenacious soil with good drainage and partial shade. It likes moisture and if the pot is porous the plant will be benefited by shifting it into a tin vessel. This plant is from the East Indies and, under favorable conditions, will grow to the height of eight feet. The flowers are brownish. It was introduced in 1823.



AMOMUM CARDAMOMUM.

Acalypha Sanderi.—This is a beautiful window shrub at the North. It requires rich, moist, porous soil, partial shade, a moist atmosphere and plenty of heat while growing. Give it plenty of root room. With good care it will develop lovely tail-like crimson-rose blooms, and prove as satisfactory as almost any plant grown in the window.

MALVA CRISPA.

AMONG THE MANY letters of inquiry which have reached the Editor, the following interesting one concerning an old-fashioned, hardy annual, comes from Mrs. Day, of Kansas:

Mr. Park:—I enclose a leaf and flower of a plant which no one around here seems to know anything about. The leaves are as large as a plate, until it gets two or more feet high, and then the stalk begins to grow heavier, and the leaves thicker and smaller; the little flower is next to the stalk, and hidden by the leaves. Please tell what it is, and what it is for. It makes a pretty center or background, but it is literally covered with seeds, and I thought might become a pest. Within the last week the chickens have been eating the leaves, and have stripped it as high as they can reach. I wonder if it has any value as a forage crop. Everyone exclaims, "Why, what is this! What a pretty plant!" And one woman called it a Geranium. That was in its youth. Mrs. A. V. Day, Selma, Kans., Nov. 10, '11.

The little illustration represents the plant described, *Malva crispa*. It is pretty for a background, growing five feet high and retaining its pretty foliage until long after severe frosts. Several years ago a farmer ordered a pound of the seeds, stating that he believed it would be valuable as a forage for pigs, and wished to grow the plants for that purpose. He did not report his success, but it is to be presumed that he was pleased with his experience. The plant is a hardy annual, and the seeds can be sown either in autumn or early spring.



MALVA CRISPA.

White Iris.—Among the varieties of *Iris Kämpferi*, are several that have pure white flowers, or white with a mark of yellow at the base. *Iris florentina alba*, with flowers resembling the old garden Flag in size and form, is also white and very beautiful. There is a tinge of lavender in it that adds to its attractiveness. It is tenacious, and a small root soon becomes a large clump. There are several varieties of the German Iris that are white, with falls of another shade. Many of these Iris may be obtained and planted in the fall or spring, as they are perfectly hardy.

Christmas Cactus.—In the summer, plunge the pot containing the Christmas Cactus in a bed exposed to full sunshine, and allow Nature to take care of it. The buds will form in embryo during the dry, hot season, and in autumn, when the pot is lifted and transferred to the window, buds will begin to develop. When brought into the house, keep the soil watered but not wet. Many persons ruin their Christmas Cactuses by over-watering during the budding and blooming season.



IXIA, A GENUS OF LOVELY BULBOUS FLOWERS.

THE GENUS IXIA embraces many species and varieties of bulbous plants belonging to the order Iridaceæ. The species are all natives of South Africa, and are not hardy in our northern States, though they may be grown out-doors at the South, and in pots at the North. The plants have narrow, Iris-like leaves, and throw up spikes from one to two feet high of showy and beautiful salver-shaped flowers of various colors and markings, as indicated in the illustration, reproduced from the Journal of Horticulture.

In out-door culture the bulbs should be set in a well-drained sandy bed with partial exposure to the sun, covering from four to six inches deep. If some well-rotted manure or stable litter

is strewn over the bed after planting, it will tend to keep the soil moist and cool, two essentials in their successful culture. They can be bedded, in the mild climate of the South, during January or February for blooming in spring and early summer. At the North the bulbs must be potted, or kept and planted out, when danger from freezing is past. In potting use five-inch pots, setting five bulbs one inch deep in each, then keep in a dark place till growth begins. Use sandy loam and leaf soil with good drainage, pressing it firmly over the bulbs, then watering sparingly until ready to bring to the light, then increase the supply. They require more water while blooming, to develop the buds and flowers. Avoid a dry, hot temperature, and bright sunshine when in flower. After the flowers fade water less freely until the foliage ripens, then cease watering and set the pots in a cool cellar till repotting time.

The *Ixias* are easily grown and are of such beauty that it seems strange they are not generally cultivated. The bulbs are about the size of a *Crocus* bulb. They are not subject to diseases or insects, and a potful or two in the window when in bloom excite not only the wonder of those who see them for the first time, but their enthusiastic admiration and praise.

Non-blooming Pæonies.—When Pæonies fail to bloom it is mostly due to a lack of some element in the soil, or to a sour condition of the soil. A dressing of quick-lime will often prove effectual in sweetening the soil and making it porous for the entrance of air to the roots. The use of ground bone or phosphate will also tend to bring the soil into condition for the production of flowers. Where the soil is tenacious, a liberal dressing



PÆONIES.

ing of sand, stirred into the surface will be of benefit. Where Pæonies are growing in a densely shaded bed, the plants will often be non-blooming. A sunny situation and a rich, porous soil is essential to the development of Pæony flowers.

Hollyhock Seedlings Turning Brown.—Hollyhock seedlings are sometimes subject to a fungus which causes them to damp off shortly after they appear above the ground. Older seedlings may be attacked and ruined by green lice. A worse enemy, however, is the red spider, which causes the plants to turn brown and dry up. Keeping the ground stirred and applying a small amount of lime and sulphur to the surface will generally overcome the fungus; dusting the plants with pyrethrum powder or tobacco dust will destroy the green lice, and syringing frequently with cold water will generally eradicate the spider.

HELIOTROPE BLIGHTING.

THE HELIOTROPE is a sun-loving plant, and never does so well as when growing in full sunshine and a well-cultivated soil. In a shady place and in tenacious, compact soil, with poor drainage, the plants are very liable to be attacked by a blight, the leaves turning black at the tip and margin, extending to the stem, and eventually causing the whole plant to die. When the blight appears, cut off the diseased parts, see that the



PLANT OF HELIOTROPE.

drainage is good, and stir some lime and sulphur into the surface soil, then give it a sunny exposure. This treatment will, usually, overcome the blight and bring the plant into a healthy condition, when it will develop buds and flowers.

Protecting Roses.—"Dark brown medicine bottles holding a gallon" can be used to place over tender Tea Roses, the bottom being removed and the cork being left out of the top to admit air. The bottom is readily removed by tying a string, saturated with kerosene oil, around the place where you wish the separation, and setting fire to it. After the string is burned, a little tap will effect the separation. Colored glass is preferable to clear glass, as clear glass will admit the sun and cause premature growth.

Jasmine, Maid of Orleans.—This is a pot plant at the North but can be grown out-doors at the South, where it is hardy. This plant has evergreen foliage and bears small double flowers in clusters. The flowers are double and open much better than those of Grand Duke, a companion Jasmine. It blooms well in summer, and thrives in any rich soil in partial shade.

Non-blooming Roses.—The Gen. Jacqueminot and other hardy Roses will often become non-blooming in an uncultivated, clay soil. In the spring, stir some quick-lime or bone dust into the soil, cut out all the dead or sickly branches, and allow the sun to have full access to the soil and plant. Thus treated, the plants will generally grow, bud and bloom satisfactorily.

CHILDREN'S LETTER



MY DEAR CHILDREN:—For two weeks past the weather has been extremely cold at LaPark, colder than it has been for many years. Fortunately for the herbacious plants the ground was covered with snow, thus providing a protection for the little bulbs and roots from the severe frost. The snow, too, was of interest to the boys and girls who have sleds, as well as the older ones who have sleighs, and the glassy ice that covered the mill-pond and lakelet was made a place of merriment by the rollicking skaters. Thus the severe elements were a means of making life brighter and happier, even when the face of the sun was hidden, and the frost-pictures on the window dimmed the view from within of the beautiful white landscape.

But while the cold and snow and ice were enjoyed by the well-clad, well-fed children who have kind parents and good homes, we shudder at the thought of those poor little ones who have to endure the privations of life, and who cannot avoid suffering from cold and hunger. There is not one of you, dear little boys and girls, I know, but would gladly share your surplus clothing with these little unfortunates, and donate at such times as this something to allay their pangs of hunger and sustain their drooping life. There are no flowers in their homes, and none in their heart and life. Many of them are strangers to kindness and love. Is it, therefore, not our duty as well as pleasure to think of these neglected children, and do something to help them, and inspire them with an ambition to become good men and women. A kindness done them in the right spirit is never lost. You have heard of the old saying, "the way to the heart is through the stomach," and in a certain sense this is true. To supply clothing and food and show an interest in the welfare of the needy is to manifest a true Christian spirit, and claim the promise of an inheritance in the Great Future. [See Matt. xxv, 31 to 36.]

Perhaps many of you, dear little children, have read the story of how the gift of a little plant reformed a whole neighborhood. It was just a small blooming Geranium given to a little girl who lived in a squalid home in a "bowery" section of a city. She placed it in the window, but the glass was so grimy that it could not be seen from without, and she wanted everybody to see its beauty. So she used soap and water upon the glass, and the sunlight exposed the dirt upon the window sill, so it was scrubbed. The clean window sill showed by contrast the dirt upon the floor, and it was treated in the same way. Then the

reform reached to the faces and hands and clothing of the inmates, more plants appeared in the window, and as the season advanced Morning Glory vines covered with their exquisite flowers were seen outside upon strings by the wall. The reform then extended to other homes, until the whole neighborhood was transformed and made respectable. And what was more, the people were inspired to better living. This is a simple story, but it is only the record of the uplifting influence of a deed of kindness and a blooming plant, and even a child could do as much for some little unfortunate who has hardly any of life's enjoyment in its miserable home. How many of you will bring a ray of sunshine into some cheerless abode the coming season by the gift of a few common seeds and plants, and encouragement in their culture?

But I began to talk to you about the cold and snow, and I want to tell you that many little birds and rabbits and other creatures suffered during the severe weather. One cold morning, as I came to my office, I found rabbit tracks along the path, and beneath the Pyrus tree, which in the fall was covered with diminutive apples, I found the rabbits had pawed up from the snow some of the fruit that had dropped to the ground. It led me to think that the little animals were suffering from hunger. That day, at noon, I went to the kitchen and found there a pan of apple parings and cores, and taking them with me I scattered them along the path, and where I found the tracks. The next day there were fresh tracks, and the rabbit-food was gone.

And I want to tell you about a Sugar Berry tree (*Celtis occidentalis*) I planted over by the roadside. Last summer it was a mass of green foliage, and when the leaves fell you would have been surprised at the lot of clusters of sugar-berries that covered the tree and held on to their little stems. How sweet the little brown-black "berries" were, and how inviting to the hungry birds! Well, that tree was dark with "berries" until the cold, snowy weather, and then, one morning you ought to have seen it. An old Crow noticed it and cawed to his "brethren" about it, and in less than an hour, notwithstanding the tree stood near a house, a whole army of Crows appeared, with "Jim" Crow as commander, and they battled with those sweet "berries" until every berry was taken. Did not the All-wise Creator make those berries to hold fast until they were needed for food for his hungry creatures?

Occasionally we find a cruel little boy or even a man out during the severe weather tracking the hungry rabbits that have come out to hunt for food, and digging them out of their home beneath some rock, or in a cavity in the ground. And occasionally we hear the report of a gun that fell some little bird chilled and hungry and tame because of the cold. Is it not wicked and inhuman to thus deprive these innocent creatures of life, or perhaps wound them and cause them suffering at a time when they were already in dis-

treasure. What must such a boy or man think of himself, if he stopped to think? Would he not despise himself for his cruelty and unmanly conduct? Is such an one worthy of our respect or friendship? The poet Cowper wrote:

"I would not enter on my list of friends
Though graced with polished manners and fine
Yet wanting sensibility, the man [sense,
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm."

I hope none of you, dear children, will allow yourselves to become cruel and inhuman to the creatures around you. Even a little bug or worm is sensitive and suffers when ill-treated, and even such degraded creatures may be made a source of interest and pleasure to you when properly treated and studied. Learn by heart the above lines of the poet, and think of them every time you are tempted to do a cruel deed.

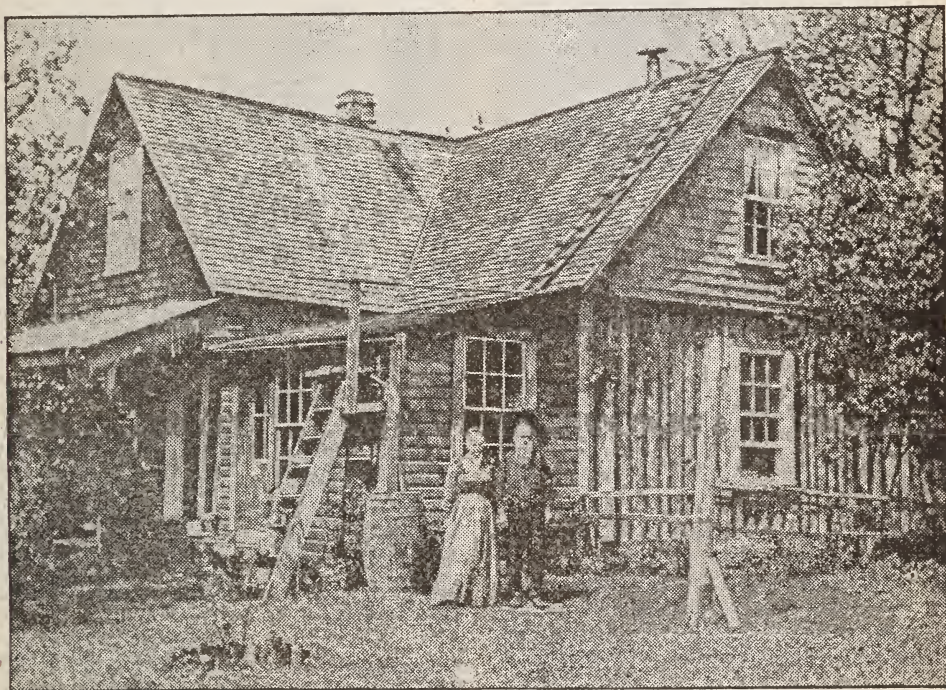
Your friend,

LaPark, Pa., Jan. 20, 1912. The Editor.

and years have been spent together in soul communion. Here the loveliest of memory's pictures have been taken, and here experienced the most cherished of earthly joys. How true it is that "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

At this little home you will find the old-fashioned garden with its Easter flowers in spring, and its curious-fruited Gourd vines in autumn. The group of plants upon the grass plat, the Morning Glories at the window, the old Wall Rose clinging to the pillar of the porch, the big Lilac bush at the house corner, and a group of miscellaneous old-fashioned flowers by its side—all tend to remind us of olden times, and bespeak for us the joys of the simple life.

My friends, we love to contemplate the home and surroundings where the simple life is a reality. It may be ever so modest and un-



"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

"NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

AMONG THE many photographs sent to the Editor of the Magazine in answer to his call some time ago, was the one here reproduced, the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ryan, Sr., of Jefferson Co., Washington. It shows a quaint bit of landscape that makes us think of by-gone days. We see the aged couple standing by their humble home,—flower-loving friends of the Magazine, who have long been upon the rough pathway of life, and are now traversing its shady side. Their forms are slightly stooped, their hair as the driven snow. And yet they bear a happy and contented look, as they stand together in the foreground; for this modest cottage with its surroundings, is to them the sweetest place on earth. Here many days and weeks and months

couth, but it betokens a peace of mind and contentment of spirit that we almost envy. It is not always when "riches and splendor surround us" that we enjoy the sweetest and happiest of life's experiences. The peasant in his mountain home is often happier than the king in his palace. And so the accompanying picture, in its simplicity, is a scene for an artist, a theme for a poet.

May these humble aged friends, who love Nature and whose minds are led by the contemplation of the Creator's works, to His adoration and worship, long live to enjoy their rustic home, dear to them because of its hallowed associations and the sweet memories of by-gone years. And when they are called hence, may this earthly home be exchanged for the Better Home, the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

FOUNDATION PLANTING.

ABOUT ACACIAS.

VARIOUS plants are recommended for planting about the foundation walls of houses and porches. For a northern or eastern exposure nothing is more cool or comfortable looking than a combination of Ferns and Iris. Both of these plants upon the southern or western sides of the building are frequently burned and disfigured by the long-continued dry weather and hot sunshine of midsummer. For this latitude (northern Pennsylvania) our native Ferns are the best and the prettiest. The most common is the Cinnamon Fern. In growth the fronds are somewhat stiff and spike-like in their manner of growth. The spores or seeds are formed on stalks thrown up from the center of the plant, and when ripe somewhat resemble stalks of Cinnamon bark, hence its common name. It is best to cut out the seed stalks as soon as they appear, as the clump grows and looks much better without them. Naturally this Fern prefers a moist place, but if care is taken to remove the whole root, and well watered when set out, it transplants well, and is longer-lived, though slow-growing.

But the best native Fern of all is the continuing or repeating Fern, named from its habit of forming its seeds or spores on a frond, then continuing the frond leaves. It is larger and more willowy and fountain-like in its growth than the Cinnamon Fern, and its habitat is on dryer ground. It transplants easily.

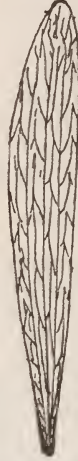
The largest Fern of all is a sort found in moist places on the mountain. In growth it is between the Cinnamon and Repeating Ferns. The fronds are long and wide and willowy, and the seed-stalks are after the manner of the Cinnamon Fern, though not very conspicuous. Its transplanting is not so easily done as the other two, but if care is taken it will grow, and then you have something quite tropical in appearance. These Ferns resent the use of barnyard manure and lime, but like to be enriched with plenty of decayed leaves and muck. As most kinds of Iris thrive in such soil they grow well together. The varieties of German Iris are probably the best to plant with the Ferns. They are what I use with my Ferns. Aunt Hope.

Waymont, Pa., Oct. 30, 1911.

California Climate.—Our climate is very mild. On very rare occasions we have a touch of frost, last winter even a light fall of snow, lasting a few hours, but melting as it fell. However, the cold is never severe enough to injure the most delicate plants; everything grows out of doors, and very few people have conservatories. While we have delicate plants growing outside with the hardy perennials and annuals, we also have many choice varieties in our greenhouse, but they need constant care, generally a thorough watering every morning. Mrs. M. T. P.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 28, 1911.

AMONG my experiments in the spring of 1908 was a packet of *Acacia lophantha* seeds. They grew well, and today I have three fine little trees, from six to nine feet tall, and another. One plant came up different. The leaves were fewer, and coarser than the others, and the stems were flattened, really resembling a narrow leaf, tipped with a pair of fronds. The plant grew slowly, each succeeding stem being broader, and the fronds smaller. Finally the fronds disappeared entirely. I enclose two of the leaves as they are today. The plant is about twenty inches tall. It has had the same treatment as the Acacias, which have completely outgrown the window garden, in spite of all my "pinching." Can you tell me what it is? I call it the Freak for want of any other name. Several varieties of *Acacia* are hardy here, but I am not sure of *Lophantha*. It will probably have a severe pruning at any rate, if left in the open. Although in California we dwellers



LEAF OF among the hills must expect a few **ACACIA L.** cold nights during the winter, about 12° above zero is the limit, and it rarely falls below twenty. But even two or three nights of low temperature, followed by bright sunshine, works havoc among tender things. We don't always have even as low as twenty, but "you never can tell." Marie S. Davis.

Amador Co., Calif.

[Note.—Some species of *Acacia* have false leaves as suggested by this correspondent. Such leaves are called phyllodia. They are not formed upon *Acacia lophantha*, but then *A. lophantha* is not generally classed by botanists as an *Acacia*, but as a species of *Albizia*. Another species, *Albizia Julibrissin*, is also catalogued with the *Acacias*, and is a hardy tree, with handsome compound leaves, very much like those of *A. lophantha*. This would indicate that *A. lophantha* might be hardier than we generally regard it.—Ed.]

Stocks.—If any one wants a lot of nice, fragrant, lovely flowers that hang in wreaths and clusters till the snow freezes them, just try Ten Weeks' Stock. The new Hollyhock-flowered ones are especially fine. I got ten kinds from our Editor last spring. They were all nice, but the deep rose Hollyhock Stocks were the showiest things I ever saw, and they bloomed from July till November. Princess Alice is a nice Stock with this peculiarity, that the more you cut the blooms, the faster new ones come in their places. Sister Clare.



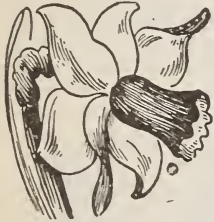
TEN WEEKS' STOCK

Cumberland Co., Me., Nov. 29, 1911.

DAFFODILS AND DAHLIAS.

FREQUENTLY it has been stated that Daffodils and some other bulbs will thrive when naturalized among the grass.

Four years ago we tried the experiment, planting such as Narcissus, Jonquils and Daffodils on the lawn with the Pine grove for a back-ground. The spot was well located and the soil rich. The first year they did nicely, making a braye showing; the second and third years they deteriorated, the blooms being scarce and much smaller, in some places no



DAFFODIL.

flowers at all, only foliage showing. At the close of the third season we dug the bulbs, to find only a few clusters of small bulbs in place of the large ones, originally planted. Other bulbs of the same kinds, cultivated in beds, lifted each year after the foliage ripened, and packed in dry sand till planting time the following fall, have done exceptionally well. The bulbs have multiplied and the blossoms have been large and plentiful. These conditions may apply only to this climate. In Portland, Oregon, I remember a large bed of Daffodils that had not been disturbed for years. Each season the plot was a mass of gorgeous yellow blooms.

Dahlias thrive wonderfully in our sunny clime, often growing eight to ten feet high, the foliage spreading and covering four to six feet unless kept well staked and tied; the blossoms are large and plentiful, blooming from June till November. Last spring, at planting time, we separated the clumps of Dahlia tubers, planting only single bulbs; they grew well, but not so rank as when the clusters were planted without separating, nor were the flowers as large or as plentiful. But we were more than repaid when lifting them this fall; the single tubers had multiplied each into a big clump, ten to twelve big tubers in each hill. Next spring we will plant the clusters as dug this fall without separating, and expect good sturdy plants and flowers. Mrs. M. T. Patton.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 28, 1911.



DAHLIA.

A Fern Pest.—This past summer I had such lovely hanging baskets of Ferns, and in one hour I had two of them entirely destroyed. Upon examination I found them attacked by a little brown worm. After watching for a few days I found that a gray fly lays the eggs. To get rid of it I used a weak solution of water and ammonia, and saved my other plants. I found out the fly would not go near a plant watered with ammonia water. C. O. M.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18, 1911.

WHERE TO PLANT PORTULACA.

PLANT PORTULACA where the sun will shine on it until about ten o'clock in the morning. It will not bloom much without sunshine. If in the sunshine the flowers will be open by ten o'clock, but if in the sunshine all day, they will close up before noon. It shaded after ten o'clock they will stay open most of the day. In the southwest corner of our yard is a large Maple tree. I watched a few mornings, and made my Portulaca bed where the shade of the limbs was at ten, north and just a little east of the tree. The bed was in the shade of the tree until



PORTULACA.

about three o'clock, and all summer long, as hot and dry as it was, my Portulaca bed was a mass of bloom nearly all day, and was a thing of beauty. There were eight different colors—white, pink, light red, dark red, lemon, orange, salmon and spotted, white with purplish pink spots.

I got my seeds four or five years ago, and never planted until last spring, and I think every seed came up. Mrs. M. H. Flanigan.

Montgomery Co., Ind., Nov. 22, 1911.

An Old Amaryllis.—I want to tell the readers about an old Amaryllis Johnsoni. It has been in our family for over thirty years, and has bloomed every year except one, when it got accidentally with the brine from the ice cream freezer. In all these years it has only produced one off-set. Is that characteristic of the Johnsoni? May McF.

Lathrop, Mo., Dec. 11, 1911.

Oleander.—I have had a large Oleander for many years without producing a flower, until this summer, when it bloomed in June. When the flowers faded I cut them off, and in a few weeks buds came out again. Thus my Oleander bloomed twice in one season.

Frank E. Elword.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30, 1911.

Bedding a Calla.—I bedded out a Calla Lily last summer which had not bloomed for three years, and repotted it in autumn. It did well and is now large and multiplying, which it did not do in ten years. I think it will soon bloom. Mrs. J. W. Seward.

Steuben Co., Ind., Oct. 30, 1911.

FLORAL POETRY.

THE LAMENT OF THE PINE TREE.

[Inspired by having passed through a Pine forest where they had boxed the trees to gather the turpentine.]



It seems but yesterday I
gazed around me,
They of my kind did then
surround me,
With upturned branches
towering high above
To greet the light of day,
"God's Light of Love,"
That wraps us in its warm-
ing rays,
That shineth through the
frowning haze,
That bids the meadow
bloom with flowers,

And gives to us our strength and powers.
They of my kind were stately, grand, and stood
As monarchs, and as sentinels of the wood.
They breathed their perfume like a song
Unto the passing breezes; yea, a long,
Long time before humanity had ever dreamed
Of our use. We were giants then it seemed,
Standing as the squirrels' watch tower,—
Where they might view the dawning day,
And choose from high, a shady bower
Beneath whose quiet they might play.
Life was but an unceasing song of love,
Breathed all around, below, above.

But suddenly I awake as from a dream,
To hear stranger voices around; 'twould seem
New monarchs had enslaved us as their own,
And we as judged, must stand beneath their reign
To await this strange monarch from his throne
Proclaiming, 'tis thy doom! One more I claim!
Ah, see! the monarch, Man, doth strike
Each one of my fellow-kind alike.
He striketh with a blade of steel, straight
Into our very hearts our life-blood oozing
Slowly but surely. It is the call of Fate!
Not satisfied, he comes again to strike, abusing
With greater zeal than e'er before, unfeeling
For victim, standing silent, unappealing.
No more to spread our cool, sweet shade,
No more to kiss the sighing breeze;
Our life is as the flowers that fade,—
Weak, and still weaker by degrees.
Too soon, alas! our life is past, 'tis spent!
We die as martyrs of the forest we lament!

Jno. Proctor Mills.

Montgomery Co., Ala., Sept. 12, 1911.

THE SECRET.

The secret kept by the flowers,
Not every one seeing them knows,
Or can learn from the lips of the Lilies,
To sing the love-songs of the Rose.

The Humming-bird sips of their nectar;
The burglar bee enters the door;
To them each blossom's a store-house,
A larder and nothing more.

When the earth is wrapped in silence,
And the stars look down through the trees,
Then, up from the grass-grown meadows,
Comes softly the cool night breeze.

Though you come to the garden escaping
The bondage of wakeful hours,
Your heart may thrill with the secret
The night wind learns from the flowers.

Eastland Co., Tex.

Bertha Brooks.

"HE TOLD THEM."

How do the flowers know when to bloom?
Each seems to know its time;
The flowers that make the earth so bright
Are blooming all the time.

When God declared, "let there be light,"
Amid the receding gloom,
He whispered to each little flower
And told it when to bloom.

And then He dealt their colors out,
A grand and glorious sight;
Most of them to bloom by day,
A few to bloom by night.

He told the grasses when to spring;
The buds just when to swell,
And every single thing He made
He cared for just as well.

And so from early dewy spring
Bright gems strew all our way,
And some new flower is blooming out
With each succeeding day.

Dandelions and Buttercups bide
Beside the running brook,
And modest Violets do hide
In many a quiet nook.

Thus it will be white time shall last,
And seasons come and go;
Each flower will know just when to bloom,
For God has made them so.
Phoenix, R. I., Oct. 26, 1911. Edwin C. Capwell.

LULLABY.

Softly falls the dew at night,
When the silver moon's alight;
And the world is wrapped in sleep,
While the stars their vigils keep.
Sleep now, precious one, sweet sleep,
Sleep in angels' care, safe sleep.
Lul-la-by, all snugly lie.
Lul-la, lul-la, lul-la-by.

Soon the rosy day will dawn,
Gay with birdland's matin song,
Sweet with fair and sun-kissed flowers,
Filling all the golden hours.
Dream now, precious one, dear dreams,
Dream of birds and bright sunbeams.
Lul-la-by, just you and I.
Lul-la, lul-la, lul-la-by.

Safe we'll slumber through the dark,
Resting weary mind and heart,
Waking with the bright'ning day,
To its joyous roundelay.
Wake then, precious one, then wake,
Wake, to life and love awake.
Lul-la-by, bright joys descrie.
Lul-la, lul-la, lul-la-by.

Ola Osmund

THE FOUR O'CLOCK FLOWER.

The beautiful Four O'Clock flower
Is called by many a name,
But still their wonderful beauty
Ever remains the same.

Off when a child I saw them,
And we called them Pretty-by-Night,
For they bloomed in the quiet evening,
Yellow, and red and white.

Some called them Evening Beauties,
And the name seemed to suit them well,
For they bloomed through the hours of twilight,
When the early dewdrops fell.

Mrs. Rosa L. Quarles.

Stewartsville, Va., Sept. 11, 1911.

DECORATIVE PLANTS.

FEBRUARY.

I WISH TO write about a few plants that are fully as decorative as the Boston Fern, and as easy to grow. There seems to be a prevailing idea that the Boston is the only Fern that will do well in a common room atmosphere, but such is not the case; there are others. Take for instance the Maidenhair, *Adiantum Croweanum*, and it is not at all hard to care for, and surely it is far more graceful than the Boston. If you wish something more bold and large get *Cyrtomum falcatum*, better known as the Holly Fern. It is surely bold enough, and will stand more abuse than any other Fern I know of. Besides, if it gets dusty it is easy to take a sponge and clean the leaves. There is another Fern that is easy to care for, but rather slow-growing,



VARIOUS SMALL FERNS IN POTS.

and that is *Polypodium aureum*. Its fronds are a decided blue, rising from a bed of golden wool. They grow large. I have one with fronds of twelve inches, and the stems another eight or nine inches, and further. The stems are strong and wiry, and stand up well. It is much more distinct and rare than the Boston, and as easy to care for. I have no wish to belittle the Boston, but why must it always be stuck in the people's face, just as if it was the only Fern worth while.

Ferns all take time to grow into specimen plants, and it is a good idea, unless you have some patience, to let Fern culture alone. I am only writing to those who like to grow their own plants from small seedlings. Those who buy large plants, in my estimation, lose most of the pleasure.

A. R. Anderson, A Washington Bachelor.
King Co., Wash., Nov. 13, 1911.

Keeping Dahlias.—The way I keep Dahlias after the tops have been killed by frost, I cut them off, dig the clumps and lay them in the sun a few hours to dry off, then carry them up to a partially heated room in my house, put a layer of dry earth in a box or barrel and set as many clumps of roots in as I can without crowding too much. Then I cover them with dry earth, put in another layer of roots, and so on until all are in, then I cover with earth and set close to the chimney. I never have any trouble to keep them. I keep pie melons and sweet potatoes in the same way. If the weather becomes very cold, I throw some old clothes over them and frost never touches them. Mary F. Willows.

Fountain Co., Ind., Nov. 8, 1911.

His icy fingers chill the heart of Nature cruelly,
His voice her shrinking ear assails in accents bold
and free:

"I woo thee not with music made by birds and tinkling stream,
But whitest ermine robes I bring, and gems that brightly gleam."

The blood is chill within her veins, her cheek is pale as snow,

His voice no answering joy awakes within her heart to glow;

His diamonds sparkle brilliantly, but oh! she moans and sighs.

"For but one little flower of spring I'd give all these," she cries;

Then swift he smites, in coward rage, then turns in fear to flee,

For lo! upon the wings of wrath March cometh vengefully.

Blanche A. Wheatley.

Bolivar, W. Va., Dec. 27, 1911.

PROTECTION AGAINST FROST.

IN NORTHERN latitudes in country homes without modern means for heating, the temperature often runs low on cold winter nights, and beautiful plants are stiff and frozen in the morning. But the real plant-lover, sitting perchance before a glowing fire, remembers her treasures and knows when the evening is over the fire will run low, Jack Frost reigning supreme before the morning hours. Newspapers are her great allies. Several thicknesses are placed between the pots and window-panes. The taller plants are carefully covered, sides and tops, and more papers spread over the whole collection. If the weather is very severe she rolls an old sofa with a high back (if she has one, otherwise a table without a back) near the stove, deposits her plants thereon, wrapped in several newspapers, the colder the night the more papers. The sofa back is also a protection, and as a rule the plants are safe. I have known people to place two sofas together (furniture plenty you see) for this purpose.

In my own home—Massachusetts—during the winter months we keep a pile of newspapers under the plant shelf for this purpose. We have only stoves for heating, but rarely lose a plant from frost.

In some portions of this large country of ours the people have small idea how low the temperature runs down, particularly at night, in New England. It is often very, very cold, not continuously as further north, sometimes for a few hours only, and plants need all the closer watching. But it can be done, and they can be saved. It is a good plan not to give too much water in cold weather, and never cold water. Always have at least the cold air taken off. Plants respond so readily and so cheerfully to loving care, it is a pity to withhold it. A little study and attention will sometimes work wonders with them.

L. Eugenie Eldridge.

Barnstable Co., Mass., Nov. 21, 1911.

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS.

I SPEAK FOR Cacti and succulents. Why are they not more general and widely used? Some of them are exceedingly beautiful at all times, and all Cactus flowers are fine. Take the Rainbow Cactus. If it never had a flower it would be a beauty; but when it unfolds its large magenta flowers, words fail to do justice to it. Some of the dainty Mammillarias, as for instance Bocasana, with its covering of silver spines, as fine and glistening as silk, and the Lasiancantha, with its whiter spines and carmine seed-pods—they surely would be a delight to most people who love the beautiful. Then there are some of the Aloes that are fine: Who will dare say that the *Aloe variegata* is not a beauty, and not so awful slow. I have a plant three years old that has a large head of buds now; and *A. striata*, with its golden yellow markings, as also *A. Atris*, with its dark green leaves, always looks cheerful. The latter is, perhaps, the fastest grower of the tribe. I admire, also, the *Haworthias*, with their pretty colors and odd raised white dots.

A. R. Anderson.

King Co., Wash., Nov. 13, 1911.

Perennial Four O'clock. — Mr.

Editor:—I have something new—a perennial Four O'clock, or *Mirabilis*. You may tell me it grows each year from a self-sown seed, but I know it does not. It grew from a seed four years ago, but has come up from the root every year since. It sends up a strong red shoot very much like a *Pæony*. It is now four feet ten inches tall. I have some tall plants grown from the seed this year. The blossoms are like those on the old plant.

L. M. Johnson.

Cloud Co., Kas., Sept. 5, 1911.

[Note.—All of the varieties of *Mirabilis Jalappa* or Four O'clock are perennial, forming a tuberous root that is hardy in a mild climate, and at the North can be kept over winter like the Dahlia. The little engraving shows a root of a seedling plant grown this summer. The root increases in size with age, and the plant becomes larger and stronger each succeeding year.—Ed.]



RAINBOW CACTUS.



ROOT OF MIRABILIS.

MY BIRD POND.

AN ORANGE RANCH without our birds would be but half complete. The birds are all here, hundreds and hundreds of them. I saw a tiny wild Canary making an inverted puff of himself one day at the hydrant, trying to catch a drop of water in his bill. This made me pause. I had been too busy settling in my new home to remember the birds and to furnish them with a pond. Now I went to work. I found two quaint cement bowls about twenty-four inches in diameter and eight or ten inches deep, in the chicken corral. They were quite artistic in shape, and I selected the larger one. Beneath a stand-pipe faucet, in the side garden, we made up a nice mound of earth, and placed the bowl upon the top. Then I stood off and eyed it. Alyssum, Yellow Sedum, Saxifrage and Portulaca to cover it, to be sure, all but Portulaca growing right at hand in the border. But I wanted something more, something to give it individuality—river-washed stones, of course! So between jumps, we drove over to the San Gabriel river, three or four miles away. A few weeks previous, it had been a tearing, thundering mountain torrent, rending bridges, carrying away ranches and drowning people. This day it was meek and lowly enough, and we had our choice of several million beautiful, water-washed, white and gray stones. It was quite a lark selecting just the size and shape we wanted. Most of them are round anyway, ground so by the action of the water; but they are of all sizes, and it was quite a hunt to get as many as we wanted of the size we decided upon. And when we reached home, it was a bit of artistic pleasure to place the stones about the cement bowl, imbedding them in the earth mound. The result was delightful, and we transplanted Alyssum and Sedum to fill the niches, and sowed Portulaca seed. One has no idea how much the stones added to the effect.

All summer the birds have delighted in that bowl of water. Not only do they drink there, but such a splashing and fluttering as goes on when the family take a bath! They do not mind me in the least, but cock saucy bead-eyes at me, and duck and flutter with delight. I have always supplied a drinking place for birds in my California homes, but this time the butterflies made a rendezvous of the drinking pool, attracted perhaps by the fragrance of the Alyssum. From my hammock under the loquat trees I could watch the pond while I lay resting and reading. It was amazing how little reading I did, and how much watching when the birds and the butterflies and the bees came a-visiting.

Georgina S. Townsend.
Los Angeles Co., Cal., Nov. 3, 1911.

Double Larkspur.—How many have the true double annual Larkspur? The flowers are very much superior to the single ones.

Mrs. M. McF.
Clinton Co., Mo., Dec. 11, 1911.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter, and in the Seventh Grade at school. My sister has taken your Magazine for many years, and I enjoy the children's letters very much. I love pets, but have only a little dog as a pet. Postals exchanged. Maggie Hall.

McCalls, Miss., R. 2, July 11, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl 11 years old. Mamma has taken your Magazine for two years, and we all enjoy it. I am going to get up a club of 10 subscribers and get the little Swiss clock. West Depere, Wis. Helen Duaine.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl twelve years old. I have two pets, a little calf and a little puppy. I can help Mamma cook and milk and do lots of things. I like Tulips, Pansies and Petunias. Postals exchanged. Sadie Harris, Hollis, N. C., Nov. 19, 1911.

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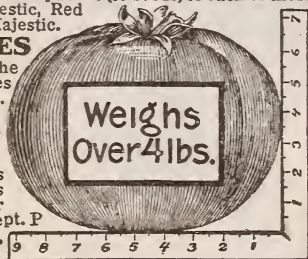
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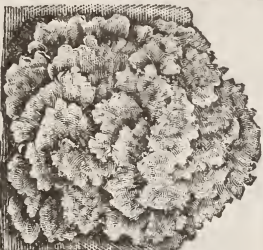
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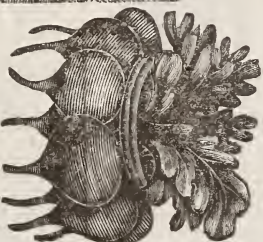
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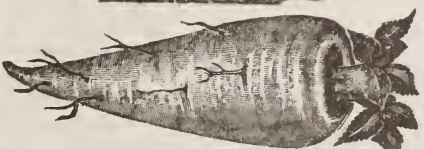
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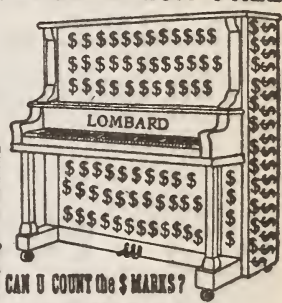
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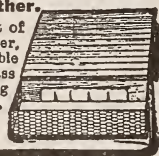
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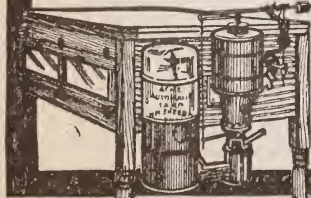
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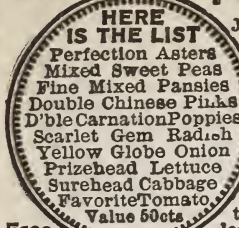
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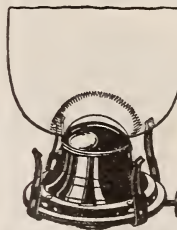
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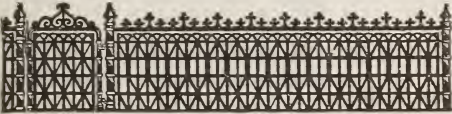


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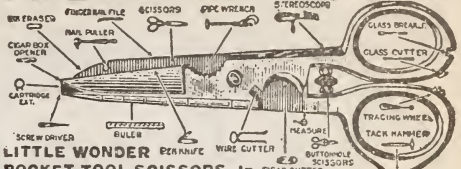


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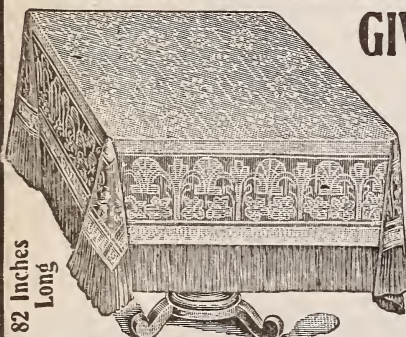
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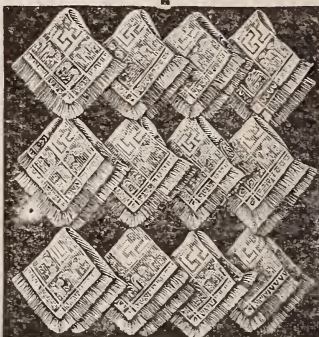
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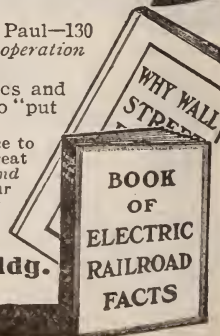
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Dear Mr. Park:—The October number of your Magazine has been received, and I cannot help writing to you how much I enjoy it. It is brimful of useful things, and I wish I could send you a lot of subscriptions for it. Elise Scheidegger.

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Baker, Oreg., Oct. 22, 1911.

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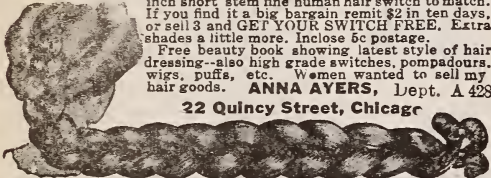
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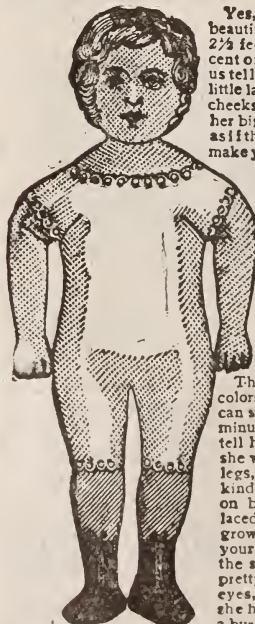
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A high color Brussels Rug, red rose design, with either green or tan ground.
No. C. W. 4602,
9x12 size.
Price, \$11.95,
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75c per Month.

Spear's Semi-Col- lapsible Go-Cart



No.
C. W.
118
75c Cash
50c per
Month

Full size frame, best steel nicely finished, Leatherette covering, dark green. 10 in. wheels, heavy rubber tires. When folded \$4.75 runs on two wheels

Guaranteed 10 Years Price \$18.45



No. C. W. 3210 Terms \$3.00 Cash, \$1.25 per Month



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